

Fierce Urgency of Now: The Sun Is Setting on Federal Solar Incentives

Are you considering installing a solar system at your home or church?

This headline was the title of an outstanding webinar presented by our Creation Care partner, [California Interfaith Power & Light](#), on August 7. Presenters from the solar industry provided guidance and resources to enable individuals and churches to move forward with their projects. Due to the passage of HR 1, the tax and spending bill, and a subsequent executive order, the income tax credits, now available to individuals and churches, will be phased out.

The presenters encouraged home owners and church leaders to begin designing, exploring options for financing and installation of solar systems, and beginning construction as soon as possible. There are key dates to know that will affect your ability to obtain the maximum tax credits for your project. Here are the dates:

For your church

If you begin construction by 12/31/25,

- You have four years, until 12/31/29, to place your project in service
- FEOC “Material Assistance” rules do not apply. These rules have to do with the amount of foreign made materials in your equipment.

If you begin construction between 1/1/26 and 7/4/26,

- You have four years until 12/31/30, to place your project in service.
- FEOC “Material Assistance rules **do** apply. These rules may reduce the amount of your credit.

If you begin construction after 7/4/26,

- You have until 12/31/27 to place your project in service.
- FEOC “Material Assistance rules **do** apply.

For your home

Residential Federal Tax Credit deadlines - Check with your tax professional to confirm as your circumstance may vary.

- Installation must be complete by 12/31/25
- System must be operational by 12/31/25
- Inspection by building department may be completed in 2025 or 2026
- Utility PTO (permission to operate) may be completed in 2025 or 2026

These dates are the current best information, but are subject to change as new rules and policies are issued.

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